



It is the policy of the State of California to support a sustainable food production and delivery system as well as a vibrant natural resource base in California that promotes healthy citizens, thriving communities and a healthy environment.

This new California food policy unleashes solutions to the obstacles that compromise our ability to profitably produce food.

Three policy priorities can result in a sustainable agri-food system for California:

1. Better health and wellbeing for Californians
2. A healthier state and world
3. Thriving communities

Better Health and Well-being: Meeting the Nutrition Needs of California's Diverse Population

- Consumers have a California food supply at the highest possible level of safety using best management practices that protect California's unique natural resources.
- All Californians have access to healthy food, understand the importance of meeting the U.S. Dietary Guidelines and have fundamental knowledge about how food is grown and prepared for the table.

A Healthier Planet: Agricultural Stewardship of the Natural Resource Base upon which California and Food Production Depends

- A reliable water supply system assures adequate quality and quantity of water to meet the needs of California and to sustain agriculture's prominence as a global food producer.
- Agricultural land resources are conserved to maintain California's thriving agricultural economy and healthy ecosystems.
- An updated regulatory system recognizes and fosters ecosystem services provided by working farms and ranches and encourages the sustainability of our food supply.
- Natural and agricultural resources are protected from plant and animal diseases by preventing the entry and establishment of invasive species and disease.
- Agriculture plays a major role in meeting California's climate change goals by adopting management practices that take advantage of the unique opportunities in agriculture to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

- Agriculture has adapted to changes in climate and maintained its competitive advantage in the global food production system.
- California agriculture is a leader in providing renewable energy resources for California.
- California agriculture is a leader in applying innovation to improve air quality conditions in California.

Thriving Communities: Food Production is a Driver of Sustainable California Economic Growth.

- California's economy is strengthened through growth of a vibrant agricultural sector by promoting healthy consumption, export market expansion for a growing world populations and job creation.
- Consumers worldwide view California as the supplier of the highest quality and most nutritious food products using the most sustainable practices.
- California agricultural policies encourage and foster diverse agricultural production systems to meet a variety of market demands.
- Agriculture is a highly desirable green career of choice and will have a stable, well educated and trained workforce.
- Research and the extension of research results to stimulate innovation and adaptability keeps California's agri-food system the world's most productive, profitable and environmentally sound.

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